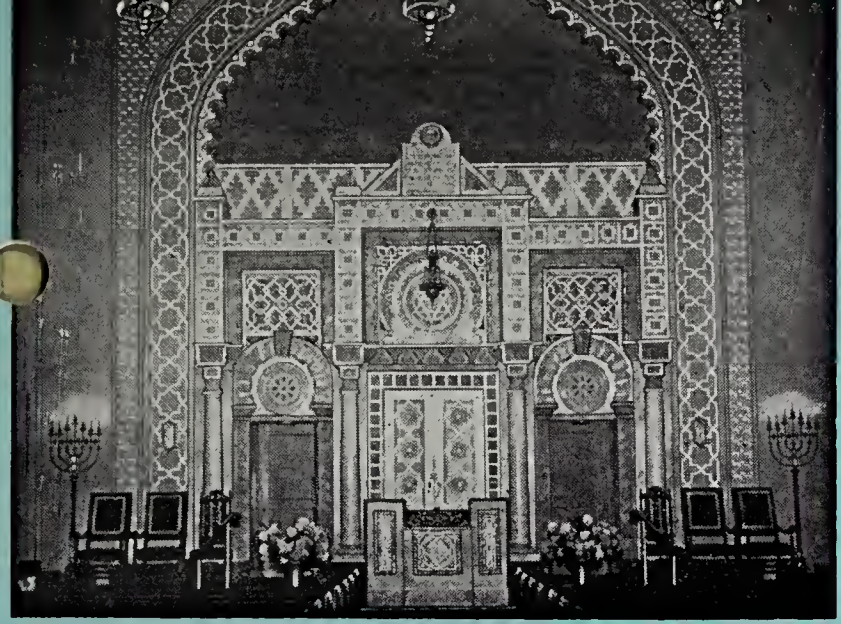

PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE BULLETIN

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In Memoriam to Ruth Lillian Kellert Cummings:

The 35th Annual Service of Contemporary Liturgical Music

"These programs are dedicated to the enhancement of Jewish worship; to wider diffusion and utilization of the resources of Jewish music; and to the encouragement of those who give of their lives and genius to its enrichment."

A Tradition of Park Avenue Synagogue

On Friday evening, November 17, at 8:30 p.m. the 35th annual service devoted to the presentation of contemporary liturgical music of the synagogue will be held. Begun in 1943 under the direction of our beloved Hazzan Emeritus, David J. Putterman, the program received immediate and enthusiastic approval by the leaders of the congregation and the general membership. The programs moreover, were given special recognition by the greatest Jewish religious and cultural institutions In 1957 the United Synagogue of America presented the coveted Solomon Schechter Award to the Park Avenue Synagogue in recognition of its distinguished synagogue music, while Hazzan Putterman became the first to be designated a Fellow of the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary. And, in 1960 the first Kovod Award was given to him by the Cantors Assembly while, in 1973, The American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) presented Park Avenue Synagogue with its Citation of Tribute.

Many Composers Received Encouragement

Of all the achievements known to be the result of these programs, none are more significant than the survey of famous names included in the list of Jewish composers and musicians who received commissions from the Park Avenue Synagogue to write music especially for presentation at the Contemporary Liturgical Music Service. This partial listing includes composers and the dates in which their compositions received their premiere in our Sanctuary:

Nahum Amir, 1973
Leonard Bernstein, 1945
Charles Davidson, 1972
David Diamond, 1951
Jacob Druckman, 1967
Lukas Foss, 1947
Miriam Gideon, 1974
Jack Gottlieb, 1965
Abraham Kaplan, 1977
Morton Gould, 1947
Frederick Jacobi, 1945
Marvin David Levy, 1964
Darius Milhaud, 1944
Robert Starer
Kurt Weill, 1946
Lazar Weiner, 1971
Mario Castelnuovo Tedesco, 1943
Yehudi Wyner, 1963
Neil Robinson

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84 New Families To Be Welcomed By Congregation At Friday Evening Service, November 10

"An impressive number of new families have joined the congregation this year", announced Mr. William Sherman, Chairman of the Membership Committee, at the October 26 meeting of the Board of Trustees. "We want to assure them a warm welcome to our beloved Park Avenue Synagogue family" he added, "and every member is urged to be present on November, on which occasion we gather to greet the new affiliates and demonstrate to them the wonderfut spirit and fellowship that exists in our congregation. It is essential that, from the very beginning, they feel comfortable in their synagogue home and it is our mission to help inspire each of the new families by our own graciousness, warmth and enthusiasm."

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Thanksgiving - Living in Two Civilizations

Is it possible to live in two civilizations at the same time? What about dual loyalties and split allegiances? And personalities which will not be whole if we live on two levels simultaneously? Valid questions all of these. And yet, if we pause and think about them it will become quite clear that Judaism has survived these many centuries as Jews have lived among and alongside other civilizations. Ever since the start of the exilic period, the Jewish people has lived, taught its special and unique message, created it own work of thought and art as it dwelt among the family of nations. Further, it has done all of these not by separating itself completely from the mainstream, but when conditions permitted, by being part of the intellectual milieu of the day. Truly, this is one of the greatest challenges that Jews have faced. How to be part of the civilization in which they lived without ceding any part of their own precious culture and way of life. The answer lies, of course, in pride and knowledge of their very own possessions—the body of Jewish lore and life.

The holiday of Thanksgiving is a perfect example of this blend of two civilizations. The idea of America is deeply rooted in Biblical teachings and the notion of giving thanks for the blessings and bounty of nature is an intrinsically Jewish idea. Our beautiful festival of Sukkot recently observed raises to great heights our appreciation of the fruits of the earth. It is perfectly natural for us as American Jews to celebrate Thanksgiving wholeheartedly as citizens of a great democracy and heirs to an ancient and great tradition. Both are rightly ours to claim, to revere and to give to our children.

—Judah Nadich

Havurah

There are many ways in which we at the Park Avenue Synagogue become a community. For many parents the Religious School and the High School provide a focus of interest, and adults meet each other as a result of their concern for their children's education. For others, one of the synagogue arms provides a context for

Havurah (continued)

meeting people who have similar interests. Those who come regularly to the Sabbath services each week look forward to seeing other 'regulars'. Indeed, many different contexts, we meet each other and come to care for one another. And that helps make us a true community.

To foster this process and to give it added direction, we have introduced a new concept: the Havurah. As explained in the brochure which you have already received, the Havurah is a new idea which is an old idea whose time has again come, The Havurah is composed of some 20 adults who meet together regularly to pursue some form of Jewish study. The meetings are at home, in an informal invironment. The study is conducted by the congregants who share an interest and a commitment to developing their own Jewish lives and education. There are no degrees to be earned, no course requirements to complete. There is only a **community** of people who share common interests with each other, and who want to explore those interests. They thereby get to know more about Judaism, more about each other and more about themselves.

Something like this has already been taking place in the Park Avenue Synagogue with a small number of members. Several years ago, I found that the Wednesday evening Adult Education course began to have that function. People came to study and to see one another. They left class together and the material studied was obviously of a type of glue which encouraged people to stick together.

Last year, a group of congregants began meeting on Saturday afternoons once a month. They had originally met each other when their children had been attending our High School. Now, they wanted to meet again on a regular basis, to pursue the Jewish sources which were relevant to some of our contemporary problems. They therefore studied the issues of "aging" and the "relations between parents and children" as found in Jewish law and lore. This year the same group has decided to meet on Saturday evenings once a month to discuss the issues raised in the Saturday afternoon Talmud class which I teach.

Jewish study and community. The two go together to make an incomparable blend. Might you locate your own tastes and decide to blend them with those of some of your fellow congregants? Why not participate in a Havurah? You will meet wonderful people and you will have the chance to learn more about Judaism too.

—Harlan J. Wechsler

Pre-Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church

A service before Thanksgiving Day will take place on Sunday, November 19, at 4:00 p.m. at The Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 East 88th Street. The service has been planned by the Reverend F. Reid Isaac, Rector of the church, Monsignor Harry Byrne of St. Joseph's Church of Yorkville, Rabbi Nadich and Cantor Lefkowitz. The four members of the clergy will participate in the service. This community Thanksgiving service will honor men and women living in the Yorkville area who render service as volunteers in various local organizations, including hospitals, nursing homes, health centers, service to the aged, adolescents, families and children, etc. Police and firefighters of the community will be honored as well.

It is hoped that the men and women of the community will attend the service in good numbers and a special invitation is extended to the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue and their friends.

Synagogue Leaders To Greet New Members At Men's Club Breakfast, November 12

"Rabbi Judah Nadich will render a message of welcome to the new men of our congregation who attend our 'Welcome Breakfast' on November 12" announces Frank Moroze, President of the masculine arm of our congregation Our new Executive Director Andrew Braun will also speak to them on "The Role of the Men's Club in a Progresing Synagogue". Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler, Cantor David Lefkowitz, Gordon Piltch and many of the officers and lay leaders will be at hand to welcome the guests and to mingle with them informally."

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We Salute Mesdames Peiper, Lederman, Lerner, Willins, Berger, Boneparth Et Al

High Holy Day Floral Arrangements

The ordering and supervision of the floral arrangements that graced the Bema and adorned areas throughout the synagogue where High Holy Day and Sukkot services were held this year was skillfully handled by Mrs. Edward (Frances) Peiper.

This was a physically and mentally demanding job that must be explained in order to be understood and appreciated. For example, before Rosh Hashanah, Mrs. Peiper was at hand, at 8:00 a.m. to greet the florists as they delivered the flowers, and she remained the entire morning and much of the afternoon, instructing them precisely where to place each bouquet, be it in the Sanctuary, Lemberg Anditorium, the Chapel or Library, or one of the four classrooms where services were conducted. This done, she persisted and insisted that each arrangement be correctly shaped and trimmed, so as to blend perfectly with the dimensions of each stained glass window and each bend of the wall. Nor could they be too formal in their appearance—yet, not scraggly. And each holiday required different colors: yellows for Rosh Hashanah, white for Yom Kippur and bursts of autumn shades for Sukkot. She was there for each installation.

Sukkah Preparations

Then there was the Sukkah! Truck loads of boughs, hemlock and pine, to be combined with leaves and shrubbery cuttings — and plenty of them — enough to fully cover the skeleton of poles and wire that was the framework of the Sukkah. Only the faintest light could permeate the verdant covering. Again, it was Frances Peiper in charge. When she left one could feel confident that Rabbi Nadich would pronounce the Sukkah to be fit for decoration.

Now it was the time for the High School students and the Parents Association and the Sisterhood to join in the proceedings. Garlands of vegetables and hanging baskets were hung and the paper drawings and decorations contributed by children of the Religious School were put into place. Then fresh produce came, some purchased, but the most prized of all came from the garden of David and Deedy Goldstick. Magnificent in quality and colorful, they were grown for the occasion with devotion and pride. Thus, they inspired the scores of workers who recognized this gift to represent the realism of fruitful labor combined with the touch of God and nature.

The presence of the Lord in the Sukkah of Park Avenue Synagogue was continuously felt, for there was very little wind or rain this year and each day Rabbi Nadich, Rabbi Wechsler, Cantor Lefkowitz and Cantor Piltch could lead the assembly of congregants and guests in the traditional Kiddush and Sukkot blessings. Scores of visitors, many from distant places, came to visit the Sukkah they had heard about. It was indeed a splendid structure, filled with the prayers, songs and joy of the harvest holiday.

Sukkah Dinners

On five successive eevnings Sukkot dinners were held, sponsored by the Parents Association that is headed by Doris Finkel and Joanne Rosoff. Peter Geffen, Principal of the High School directed these events, the response to which was overwhelming to the extent that some reservations that were submitted late were reluctantly declined. Except for the first dinner, each meal was enjoyed on the rooftop site. Even the one that was forced indoors by a drizzling rain proved to be a delightful experience, for Judy Katz had built an indoor model Sukkah that conveyed the symbol and captured the spirit of the holiday. Especially however, accolades are given to Fran Lederman and Sue Lerner, who abandoned their homes, conscripted their children and spouses and managed to discover the strength and patience to direct the preparation and serving of food in a kitchen operation that spanned six stories.

Kiddushim in the Sukkah

Not to be unmentioned is the important contribution provided throughout the Sukkot period by Mrs. Muriel Willins and the women of the Sisterhood who

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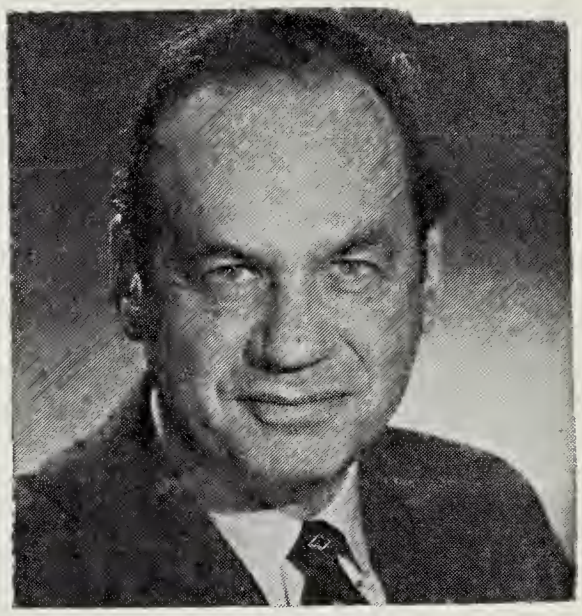
Edwin Newman To Speak On "Preserving A Civil Tongue"



Edwin Newman, noted NBC News correspondent, will deliver the Milton Brown Memorial Lecture at Park Avenue Synagogue on Monday, November 20, at 8:00 P.M. The evening will be sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club.

Mr. Newman, who has covered news events in more than twenty-five countries since joining NBC in 1952, has been bureau chief in London, Rome and Paris. He has been based in New York since 1961.

The versatile Mr. Newman has covered national political conventions, hosted the "TODAY" show many times, appeared on "Meet the Press", and moderated the first Carter-Ford TV debate. He has been reporter on many specials, including such documentaries as "Pensions: The Broken Promise", "What Price Health?", and "Free Press—Fair Trial".

Mr. Newman has won a considerable reputation as a watchdog on English usage He is likely to turn up on an NBC News program with wry observations on English as it is used, or abused, today. His first book, "Strictly Speaking: Will America Be the Death of English?" (1974) was a best-seller. His second book, "A Civil Tongue", (1976), pursued the same theme and also won high praise. His topic on November 20th will be "Preserving a Civil Tongue".

This event is being presented in memory of Milton Brown who was Executive Vice-President of the Mr. and Mrs. Club and an active member of the Park Avenue Synagogue Mr. Brown and Mr. Newman were colleagues at the National Broadcasting Company for many years.

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assisted her in the setting of tables and preparation and serving of food for the Kiddush repasts that were held after each religious service. Mrs. Willins worked dozens of hours, supervising the arrangements and tediously preparing trays for each occasion, making flight after flight of stairs each day, to pour hundreds of cups of wine and slice myriads of pieces of Hallah and gefilte fish tidbits for the throngs of participants. Present to help were were Sylvia Applebaum, Ethel Boneparth, Letty Osserman, Joan Riesenberg, Edna Robinson, Marguerite Rollins and Susan Wasserman.

Sanctuary Decorations

Preparing the Sanctuary for Sukkot meant that appropriate fruits, vegetables, foliage and flower plantings were to be placed along the walls of the Bema and the adjoining ledges. Available for this task was the team of workers provided by the Womens Evening Group and individuals representing the Sisterhood. Distinctly recalled is Charles Bennet representing his ailing wife, Lillian. Also Joyce Cohen, Joan Davis flanked by her daughters, Deborah and Gabrielle as well as Doris Finkel, Ellie Frommer, Anita Gluck, Phyllis Gallahou and her six-year old son, Evan. Judy Katz was accompanied by Melissa, while the entire Arnold Lederman family and Cindy Piltch added their help. Their labors created a meaningful setting throughout the observance of Sukkot.

Simhat Torah Buffet Reception

Concluding the holidays was the celebration of Simhat Torah and, behind the scenes, a host of women began to prepare the week before the buffet reception for the three honorees: Lillian Bennet, Harold Friedman and Eleanor Frommer. Well over 300 people attended this year's services.

Led by Frances Berger and Ethel Boneparth, we commend the twenty co-workers who assisted them. They are Mesdames: Sylvia Applebaum, Fannie Beller, Estelle Berger, Joan Davis, Sophie Feuerburgh, Mildred Finkel, Evelyn Gelman. Helen Hahn, Bea Kaplan, Belle Klein, Bea Klenert, Beatrice Levenson, Ruth Marks, Minnie Mittenthal, Sidelle Rothenberg, Sitta Simon, Florence Spiegel, Muriel Willins, Vickie Wimpfheimer and Evelyn Yudkoff.

Their loving labors, combined with the delicious food and beautifully designed table settings, brought the holiday season to a joyous, festive and memorable end.

Our congregation is blessed to possess these remarkable lay members whose dedication enables the entire synagogue family frequent opportunities to join in the celebrations of the holidays, Sabbaths and special events in an atmosphere of friendship and joy. We express our profound appreciation to them.

EDITORS NOTE:

Writing an article such as this is fraught with peril, for there are names of deserving people who are, inevitably, omitted. Still, it would be cowardly not to make the effort, particularly when so many individuals participated in making our holiday season both beautiful and meaningful for so many of us. To shy away from this opportunity to express our gratitude would be, in this writer's thinking, more reprehensible than the committing of an oversight or error. To those whose names were excluded, we shall be pleased to publish them in the near future, until which time we offer, in advance, our sincere apologies.

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Mr. Erik Z. Fetter, in honor of Ms. Carol Platas.
Mr. Erik Z. Fetter, in memory of his father, Rabbi Shimon Tuvia.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fine, in honor of Mrs. Charles Bennet, for being named Kalah Mafteret.
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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fine, in honor of Mrs. Herbert Frommer, for being named Kallat Torah.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Frankel, in honor of Mrs. Charles Bennet, for being named Kalah Mafteret.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Ginsberg.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hall, in memory of her parents, Ruth and Harry Fine.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoexter, in memory of her parents, Bessie and Elias Levine and his sister, Mrs. Jessie Bauer.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankoff, in honor of Mrs. J. Gene Hochfelder.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankoff, in honor of Carol, daughter of Comm. and Mrs. Nathan Mitchell.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankoff, in honor of birth of grandson to Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankoff, in honor of Major Max L. Shulman, for his 70th birthday.
Mrs. Lillian Janovic, for speedy recovery of Mr. Robert Barth.
Mrs. Louis Joffe, in memory of her husband.
Mrs. Abraham Kamber, in memory of her husband.
Mrs. Gladys B. Kessler, in memory of her brother, Jesse Bloomfield.
Ms. Helen and Jessie Kolber, in memory of Herman, Ida and Sadie Kolber.
Mrs. Leo Kurzrock, in memory of her husband.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Levenson.
Mr. Hugo Lowy, in memory of Oscar Stern.
Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Magit, in honor of birth of their daughter.
Mr. Martin and Mr. Monroe Markowitz.
Mr. and Mrs. Saul Mehlman, for speedy recovery of Hon. Louis I. Kaplan.
Mr. Robert Olden, in memory of his parents. Margot and William Olden.
Mr. Herman Postel.
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Putterman, in honor of birth of their granddaughter, Eva Malina Putterman.
Mrs. Abraham N. Rosen, in memory of Monroe H. Sander.
Mr. Sidney B. Silverman, in memory of his father, David L. Silverman.
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Stern, in honor of the birth of their grandson.
Mr. and Mrs. Irwin J. Tenenbaum, in memory of Herman Dubin.
Mr. Robert Towers, in memory of his father, Solomon Turetzky.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, in honor of Mrs. Charles Bennet, for being named Kalah Mafteret.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, in honor of wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davidson and birthday of Mrs. Davidson.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, in honor of wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer and birthday of Mrs. Wimpfheimer
Mr. Henry J. Zacharias, in memory of his mother, Augusta Zacharias.

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Rabbi Judah Nadich, Rabbi Harlan J. Wexler Cantor David Lefkowitz and Chairman of the Board, George M. Shapiro, will head the list of dignitaries who will be present for this event which will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Friday Evening Service in the Sanctuary and conclude at a Oneg Shabbat tea and reception in the Lemberg Auditorium. Serving as official hosts will be the Membership Committee, augmented by the officers and trustees of the synagogue and its arms. Assisting them with tasteful refreshments and table decorations will be women of the Sisterhood, while representatives of each of the arms will circulate among the newcomres, to greet them on their debut and extend to them an invitation to accept membership, without charge, their first year with the synagogue, in the auxiliary arm of their preference. It should be a delightful evening and a strong turnout is expected.

We express our pleasure in presenting the names of our new members and our fervent wishes that their association with the Park Avenue Synagogue be a long and spiritually fulfilling one.

The New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Alexander
Mr. Maurice A. Amon
Ms. Majorie Ancowitz
Mr. Paul B. Ascher
Dr. and Mrs. Harold Axe
Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Barasch
Mr. and Mrs. David Berman
Ms. Pamela Bernstein
Mr. and Mrs. Lippman Bodoff
Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Braverman
Mr. Bernard Bruckner
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cohen
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Cohen
Mrs. Sarah Gore Davidson
Mr. Andrew Duell
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Elkies
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Essig
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold I. Finkelstein
Mrs. Paula Finnell
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander E. Fisher
Ms. Joan Fishman
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Friedman
Ms. Elaine Ganz
Ms. Mara Glick
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glanternik
Ms. Sylvia Graff
Mrs. Beth Koenig Gray
Ms. Margot Gusick
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Harmon
Dr. Gary M. Hecht
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Heffner
Mr. Albert Herskovits
Mrs. Korda Herskovits
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Herwitz
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hoffman
Mrs. Jean Hurwitz
Dr. and Mrs. John E. Jacoby
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kagan
Mr. and Mrs. Martin I. Kanefsky
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kleinhaus
Ms. Florence Kourland
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Kramer
Dr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Kruger
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kummel
Mr. and Mrs. David S. Lande
Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lerner
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Levin
Mr. Frank Mayo
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mehl
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Milgrim
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Millstein
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Oltchick
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perlman
Mr. and Mrs. Michael N. Pollet
Dr. and Mrs. Howard Rappaport
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rascoff
Mrs. Toni Garzo Riesenberg
Ms. Louise Rose
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Ross
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart M. Saft
Mr. and Mrs. Andre Sassoon
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Schechter
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schneider
Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Schreiber
Mr. and Mrs. George Schwartz
Mr. and Mrs. Avraham Sharir
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Singer
Mr. and Mrs. Abe Spigelman
Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Stadin
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Starobin
Mr. Stanley B. Stein
Mr. and Mrs. Sol Steingard
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steinthal
Ms. Minnie Tananbaum
Mr. and Mrs. Hal J. Upbin
Ms. Toby Warhaftig
Dr. and Mrs E. Douglas Whitehead
Mr. Richard J. Williams
Mr. and Mrs. Marc Winston
Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wolf
Dr. and Mrs. David Young
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Zeitlin

Membership Campaign Continues

"We plan to continue our membership recruitment campaign", advises Mr. Sherman, "for with our building expansion program, it is both natural and necessary that we reach our optimum growth as quickly as possible." He explained that there will be room to accommodate 150-200 additional families when the new building has been completed. Most of them will be seated in the vastly improved Lemberg Auditorium, which will be far larger and exceedingly more comfortable than the present facility. There will be sufficent space for our Religious School, Early Childhood Center and High School to increase the size of their enrollment without physical strain and, judging from the encouraging amount of housing construction in the area of the synagogue, the influx of new families can be anticipated with confidence. Mr. Sherman noted in his report to the Board of Trutees, for instance, that the age of the head of the household in the majority of this year's crop of new members was under age 40; and 67% of these families under age 45 certainly an encouraging note in a synagogue where the age of the average member is believed to be over age 60. The Membership Committee will continue its work. All members of the congregation can participate in this important function by submitting the names of prospective members to our Executive Director, Andrew Braun, who will make immediate contact with them and invite them to be our guests so that they can be properly informed about membership in our synagogue. New neighbors, new business associates, friends and family of current members are always logical prospects. Encourage them to visit us. Better yet, bring them with you to a religious service or one of our many stimulating programs.

Schedule of Services

Friday night, November 10 ..... 8:30 P.M.
Service of Welcome to New Members
Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"WE'RE ALL IN THE FAMILY"
Oneg Shabbat in honor of new members

Saturday morning, November 11 ..... 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Noveck
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Noveck

Friday night, November 17 ..... 8:30 P.M.
35th Annual Service of Contemporary Liturgical Music
Cantor David Lefkowitz and the Synagogue Choir
directed by Abraham Kaplan,
Neil Robinson, organist
The service dedicated to the memory of
Ruth Lillian Kellert Cummings

Saturday morning, November 18 ..... 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Evan Gahr
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gahr

Friday night, November 24 ..... 8:30 P.M.
Rabbi Wechsler will speak on
THE 800th ANNIVERSARY OF MAIMONIDES'
MISHNEH TORAH
A Sermon In Honor of Jewish Book Month

Saturday morning, November 25 ..... 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of John Stein
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stein

Friday evening, December 1 ..... 5:45 P.M.
FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday morning, December 2 ..... 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of David Polson
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Polson

Rabbi Judah Nadich and Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will speak and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir with Mr. Neil Robinson at the organ.

"The Woman Alone" Subject of Sisterhood Program November 21

Anne Waldman Rosberger, M.S.W., C.S.W. executive director of the Bereavement and Loss Center of New York, will be the guest speaker at Sisterhood's open meeting, Tuesday, November 21, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. Mrs. Rosberger and her husband, Henry Rosberger, M.D., a diplomat in Psychiatry of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis, have been members of our synagogue for many years and their sons, Daniel and Richard attended our Religious School and became Bar Mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue. Mrs. Rosberger has chosen for her topic "The Woman Alone".

A past president of the Parents Association and a member of the School Board, Mrs. Rosberger received her M.S.W. degree from Columbia University, School of Social Work. Presently she is in the doctoral program at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University. Because of her interest in problems of widowhood, she volunteered her services at the Widows Consultation Center in 1971 and later became supervisor of its professional staff, senior consultant and group therapist. Upon the closing of W.C.C., she established the Bereavement and Loss Center of New York.

Mrs. Rosberger has written many informative articles, has appeared on T.V. and Radio programs and has contributed greatly to the understanding of the problems of loss and bereavement and thus has helped many to adjust and cope with the future.

In behalf of Sisterhood, Mrs. Charles Bennet, president, Mrs. Charles Bennet, program chairman, and Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, chairman of the day, invite you, your family and friends, to attend the meeting on November 21. A coffee hour will follow a question and answer period.

TAX LAWS FAVOR GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

As the close of the year approaches, many of us, realizing that contributions to the synagogue are tax deductible, will find it advantageous to consider the following:

1. **Pay your Building Fund pledge now**
2. **Make an additional contribution to the Building Fund.**
3. **If you have not already done so, make a contribution to the Building Fund today.**
4. **Contribute State of Israel Bonds to the Building Fund.**
5. **A charitable foundation must contribute all of its income annually. Park Avenue Synagogue is a worthy charity.**

Your synagogue can look for support only from its members. We hope that you will make your commitment to the Building Drive before January 1, 1979.

Contributions

Building Fund

Mr. Egon Loewy.
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Stangel, for speedy recovery of Dr. Albert Cornell.
Mr and Mrs. Abraham Stangel, for speedy recovery of Hon. Louis I. Kaplan.
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Stangel, in honor of birth of granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Mehlman.
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Stangel, in memory of Harry Zucker.

Davidson Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heller, in honor of birthday of Mrs. Edwin Davidson.

Prayer Book Fund

Nina, Ilana and Scott Wachs, in honor of Bar Mitzvah of Lionel Leventhal.

SUKKAH

Mrs. Isaac Liberman.

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer Add Major Contribution To Phase IV of Building Fund

"Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer have made a fourth major contribution to the Building Fund" notes Mr. George M. Shapiro, Chairman of the Board of our congregation. He adds that "they chose to add to their earlier donations because they recognize how essential every dollar becomes as the actual construction of our building proceeds. This new gift places them among the top ten contributors to our synagogue's development program."

"The type of leadership exemplified by Vickie and Seymour Wimpfheimer is what has made Park Avenue Synagogue a great institution. These dear people have contributed, voluntarily, every step of the way and their inspired example has been an inspiration to many others."

Phase IV is the title given to this stage of the building project which, up to this time has been an intangible concept. Other than a sizeable excavation, surrounded by a fence of boards, there have been only illustrative brochures, letters, bulletin articles and the like to describe the edifice under consideration for the future. Now, with the arrival of the structural steel, the daily operation of huge cranes, heavy moving equipment and the erection process grabbing our attention, it is a living reality. The corner of East 78th Street and Madison Avenue has become a focal point of interest to the local community and passers by. As we witness the excitement this building activity generates, we enjoy the vicarious thrill that comes to those who are intimately associated with an undertaking that will serve and benefit the Jewish community for generations to come.

Every member of the congregation asked to examine their giving capability at this time and volunteer their cash donation or pledge to the Building Fund. Martin Leichtling has been designated by the Board of Trustees to serve as Director of Development. He is available for advise regarding selection of memorials or honorials in the new building, tax advantages that are available to donors and similar information. Call him today at 369-2600.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1978 — Noon
LEMBERG AUDITORIUM

Please bring yor own cards, scrabble, backgammon or canasta trays or whatever you prefer to play, . . . or just come to chit-chat.

GENTLEMEN INVITED!
PRIZES!

ADMISSION — $10.00 per person
Chairpersons — Mrs. Bea Friedland, Mrs. Mina Klein

RESERVATION FORM

I shall be happy to attend the Luncheon and Hanukkah Game Festival on Tuesday, December 5.

Enclosed is: ☐ My check for $..... or ☐ My contribution for $.....

Name .....Number of Guests .....

Address ..... Zip .....

Please return to: Sisterhood — Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 E. 87 Street, New York, N. Y. 10029, **Attention:** Mrs. Syd Rothenberg.

Festival of Popular Song Featured At Men's Club Program, November 28

"Everyone is invited to come to our 'Popular Song Festival'", enthuses Frank Moroze, the congenial President of our Men's Club. "There will be a Sing-A-Long that will include the song favorites of today and yesteryear, melodies that will be instantly recognized as the favorites of today and yesterday. Also present to entertain us will be some exceptionally talented soloists, so that we can relax between community singing and listen to these gifted performers."

The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. and following the song portion there will be ample time for refreshments and good old-fashioned cameraderie. The Men's Club urges all to come to this free program to which friends and family are cordially welcome.

Station WEVD-FM To Air Programs of Jewish Interest

The Jewish community has a new weekly program exclusively devoted to its needs that began functioning on October 29, called JEWISH ACTION/INTERACTION. It will broadcast on WEVD-FM (97.9) on Sunday evenings at 8:30. A new magazine format including two or three stories, tape recordings in various communities in the metropolitan area will feature the program.

Liturgical Music (continued from page 1)

In Appreciation To Nathan Cummings

This year the Contemporary Liturgical Music Service is sponsored by Nathan Cummings, in loving memory of his wife, Ruth Lillian Kellert Cummings.

Ruth Lillian Kellert Cummings

The daughter of a prominent Montreal family, she was a very religious woman and a devoted Jewish mother, who possessed a deep and abiding love for the synagogue. The rich traditions of Judaism were observed in her home. Each of her three children, Mrs. Robert B. Mayer (Beatrice) of Chicago, Herbert K. Cummings of Chicago and Allan H. Cummings of Palm Beach, received an extensive Hebrew education.

Married to Nathan Cummings in 1919, she participated in numerous communal activities but would not accept office in these organizations in order to be fully accessible to her husband and children. After a lengthy illness, she died at the age of 52. Her memory has been perpetuated by her loving family through contributions to charitable and cultural institutions throughout the world.

Nathan Cummings

Today Mr. Cummings maintains a residence in New York and is an esteemed member of Park Avenue Synagogue. He is a native of Canada, born in St. John, New Brunswick, the son of a Lithuanian immigrant, who moved to New Hampshire but finally settled in Montreal where he opened a shoe store.

At the age of fourteen, his school education ceased except for a year spent in New York trade school. Following this, Nathan return to Montreal, working during the daytime in his father's store and trimming windows at night. Leaving this work to become a travelling salesman for a shoe manufacturer, it was during this period that he met Ruth Kellert and, on December 30, 1919, they were married.

In 1934 Nathan Cummings purchased a biscuit and candy business. His success was phenomenal enabling him, but four years later, to buy the C.D. Kenny Company of Baltimore which was to form the base for Consolidated Food Corporation. Today, this immense organization's annual sales are $3 billion. Some of the major divisions of the conglomerate include: Kitchens of Sara Lee, Electrolux, Shasta Beverages, Fuller Brush, Lawson Milk Stores, Gant Shirts, Robert Bruce and Erdal, a European-based company.

Honorary Chairman of the Board of Consolidated Foods Corporation, Mr. Cummings is a member of its Executive Committee. To single out one of his vast achievements in the world of commerce, he serves as a Director and member of the Executive Committee of General Dynamics.

Distinguished Philanthropy

The Ruth Cummings Research Pavilion of Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, the Nathan and Joanne Cummings Operating Theatre at the New York Hospital and the Nathan Cummings Basic Sciences Building at Mt. Sinai Hospital exemplify his far-reaching interest in the fields of medicine and science. An 11-story Cummings Life Science Center on the campus of the University of Chicago was dedicated in 1973.

A Patron of the Visual Arts

A few years ago, Mr. Cummings donated his renowned collection of Peruvian ceramics to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. To Stanford University, in 1969, he provided the funds for the Nathan Cummings Art Center and, that same year, the Joanne and Nathan Cummings Art Center was presented to Connecticut College. Selections from his famous art collection, which includes both painting and sculpture, have been exhibited at The Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York, The Art Institute of Chicago and the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

In recognition of his charitable gifts and energetic support of cultural institutions, Nathan Cummings occupies many posts and titles of distinction in America and Europe, among them Officer of the French Legion of Honor, Commendator of Order of Merit of Italy and Commendator of the Order of Merit of Peru.

Opposed to any suggestions of retirement, Mr. Cummings maintains his multi-faceted business interests which, along with his perpetual activity in art ventures and philanthropic matters, keep him constantly occupied.

The Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its deep appreciation to him, for the exemplary manner by which he chose to honor the memory of his dearly departed wife. The dedication of an event of cultural importance and religious significance is a deed that will further the preservation of Jewish liturgical music.

Music of Max Helfman

This year the liturgical compositions of a time-honored Jewish musician, Max Helfman, will be the exclusive presentation, because it is of artistic importance and because this year marks the fifteenth anniversary of his death.

Max Helfman was one of the great leaders of the renaissance that took place in Jewish music following World War II. His precocity was soon recognized at the Mannes College of Music and, following his graduation, at the Curtis Institute where he continued his studies.

It was his monumental decision to devote himself to the world of Jewish music, although his brilliance and creativity would have led him to even wider acclaim and certainly economic advantage, had he chosen secular music to be the area of his life's work.

Today, the world is filled with his disciples, among them our own Cantor David Lefkowitz who was given access to some of Helfman's original and unpublished works while he served as Cantor of Temple Emanuel in Paterson, New Jersey, for Helfman had preceded him to this community and part of his legacy of compositions remained there.

Cantor Lekfokitz's Philosophy

Cantor Lefkowitz describes some of his own philosophy of Hazzanut to include the responsibility to upgrade the public's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of cantorial history and tradition.

"For the most part, people are unaware that Jewish music has vast depth, versatility and a long history," he remarks, "and it is my mission to educate congregants to the exquisite liturgical music that exists, yet, is seldom heard. This dearth of knowledge must not continue if we are to enrich our Jewish life. Sophisticated people, such as the members of Park Avenue Synagogue, will discover that their lives will be enhanced when they are exposed to fine, never-before-heard music."

"Cantor Putterman" he acknowledges with admiration, "commissioned top caliber contemporary composers to write for the synagogue. He was a pioneer in this effort and, now, he is revered for it. Today, as we sift through the music that was commissioned in the past by our congregation, we discover that some works, currently considered to be classics, were first presented in the Sanctuary of the Park Avenue Synagogue, pieces expressly composed for the liturgical Jewish music service. This stands as a tribute to Hazzan Putterman and the congregation that never failed to respond to its Hazzan."

Beautiful Gifts For Hannukah and All Occasions

Our Sisterhood Gift Shop announces the arrival of special merchandise for Hannukah to supplement their excellent selection of Jewish ceremonial objects for the home. These are ideal presents for our families and friends on important occasions. Be it a wedding, anniversary, significant birthay, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, there are items of exceptional quality at hand. Of course, nowhere else can you get more dedicated service that from our Gift Shop personnel, who are on duty in the lobby of Steinberg House every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For a special appointment, call Mrs. J. Applebaum — RH 4-6119.

Men's Club Breakfast (continued from page 2)

The entire program is designed to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The morning meal will be prepared by wives of the Men's Club, while the officers and trustees will do the serving. Every male who joined the congregation in the calendar years of 1977 and 1978 will be offered one year's free membership in the Men's Club which wishes to double its size by the time the new building is completed. If enthusiastic leadership is the key to success, the goal will be reached

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Contributions

Synagogue Offerings

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beller, for speedy recovery of Hon. Louis I. Kaplan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beller in memory of Nachman Soltes.

Mrs. Sate Berkman, in honor of Mr. Joseph Howard Katz.

Mr. Joseph Blacker.

Mrs. Harry A. Cohen, in memory of her father, Herman Weinberg.

Mr. Harry A. Cohen, in memory of his father, Joseph Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Dragutsky, in memory of Clara Brockman.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF CEMETERY PLOTS SCHEDULED JANUARY 1, 1979

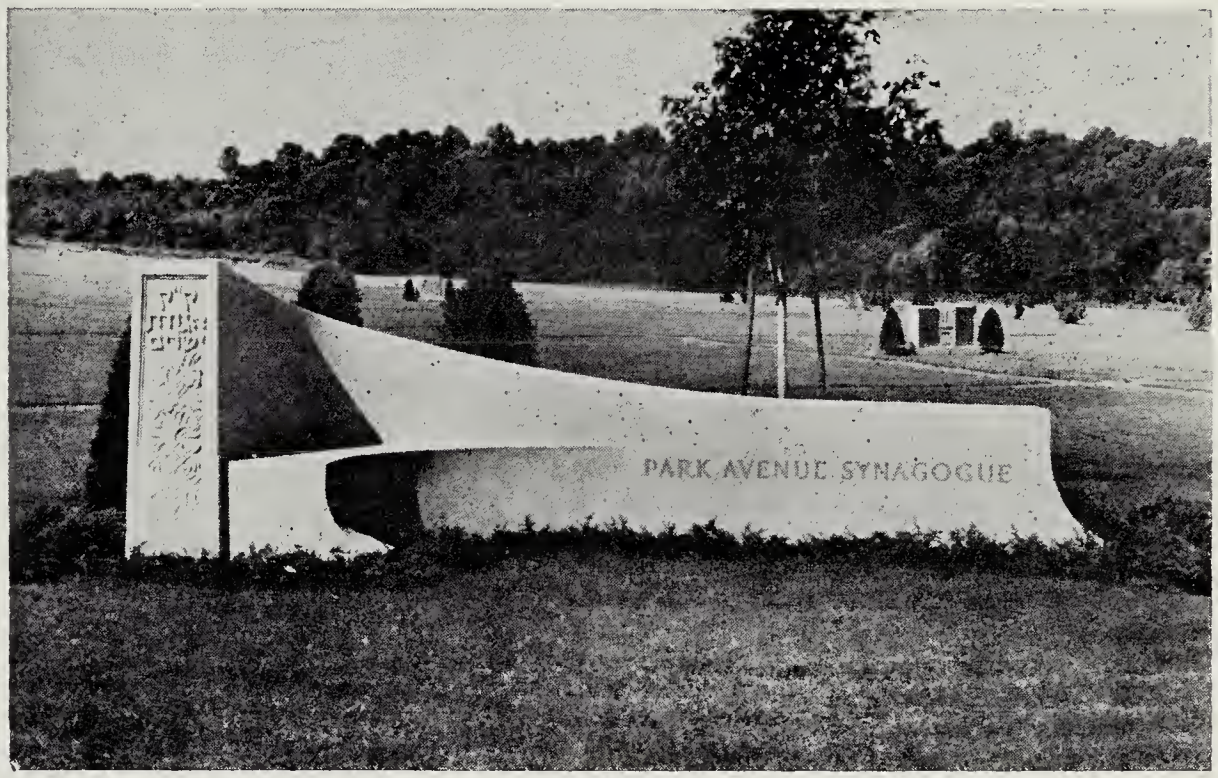

Photo of monument which marks the entrance to Park Avenue Synagogue Cemetery grounds at Sharon Gardens, Kensico Cemetery, in Westchester

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The Board of Trustees has adopted an increase in the price of burial plots in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery in Westchester County. Beginning January 1, 1979. The price of an individual grave will be $450, an increase of $50 over the present charge. The increase has been deferred until this date in order to permit our members and their families to select lots before the rise takes effect.

Sharon Gardens is a beautifully planned, modern cemetery in Westchester County which can be reached by car or train from Manhattan in less than an hour. To provide for the need of every family, there are individual graves and plots of four, six and eight graves. Special rules and regulations have been adopted by the Board of Trustees to insure the finest care and upkeep. **Normal perpetual maintenance without cost is provided.**

For members of Park Avenue Synagogue who wish to provide a final resting place for their dear ones in beautiful and dignified surroundings, we consider Sharon Gardens to be the answer. Please phone Mr. Martin Leichtling 369-2600 for details.

Contributions

Synagogue Offerings

Mr. and Mrs. Joel E. Schechter, in appreciation of High Holy Day Honor.

Dr. and Mrs. Burton Schwartz, in appreciation of privilege of worshipping at the Park Avenue Synagogue during the High Holy Days.

We Take Pride In Our Members

Freda S. Fineman, who was the guest lecturer of the Women Lawyers Association in Sydney, Australia.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 10 — 30, 1978

(CLIP AND SAVE)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5:45 p.m. **Shemini Atzeret Services**					**10** 8:30 p.m. **1st Late Friday Night Service** New Members Welcome and Oneg Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:23	**11** 9:30 a.m. **Sabbath Service** **Bar Mitzvah** Daniel Noveck 5:00 p.m. **Talmud Class**
12 10:00 a.m. **Men's Club** **New Members Breakfast**	**13**	**14** 12:00 Noon **Sisterhood Board** 8:00 p.m. **Adult Ed. - Piltch** 8:00 p.m. **Parents Association**	**15** **Gift Shop Open** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 8:00 p.m. **Adult Education** Rabbi Wechsler 8:15 p.m. **Men's Club Board**	**16** 3:00 p.m. **Retirees** 7:30 p.m. **Choral Rehearsal** 8:15 p.m. **Board of Trustees**	**17** 8:30 p.m. **Contemporary Liturgical Music Service** Candle Lighting 5:17	**18** 9:30 a.m. **Sabbath Services** **Bar Mitzvah** Evan Gahr 5:00 p.m. **Talmud Class**
19 10:30 a.m. **H.S. Seniors - Rabbis Breakfast** 4:00 p.m. **Pre-Thanksgiving Service** Church of the Holy Trinity	**20** 7:30 p.m. **Mr. & Mrs. Club** Edwin Newman Guest Speaker	**21** 12:00 Noon **Sisterhood** **Open Meeting** Speaker Ann Rosberger 8:00 p.m. **Adutl Ed. - Piltch** 8:15 p.m. **Finance Committee**	**22** **Gift Shop Open** 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	**23** **Thanksgiving Day**	**24** 8:30 p.m. **Friday Night Service** Candle Lighting 5:12	**25** 9.30 a.m. **Sabbath Services** **Bar Mitzvah** John Stern 5:00 p.m. **Talmud Class**
26	**27** 8:30 p.m. **W.E.G. Meeting**	**28** 8:00 p.m. **Men's Club** **Open Meeting** "Song Festival" 8:00 p.m. **Adult Ed. - Piltch**	**29** **Gift Shop Open** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 8:00 p.m. **Adult Education** Rabbi Wechsler	**30** 3:00 p.m. **Retirees** 7:30 p.m. **Choral Rehearsal**		

Last Call For Journal Ads!

We are holding up the printing of the Souvenir Journal for the March of Progress Ball a few more days to make certain that some of our friends and supporters are not left out of this perfect memento.

The gala event which will celebrate the conclusion of the 20th year of distinguished service to our synagogue by Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich is an important fundraising event as well, the entire proceeds being given to bolster the economic condition of our congregation, for the vital educational, religious and cultural activities must have constant support if they are to continue with excellence and depth.

Send, indeed, RUSH the ad blank to the synagogue office today.

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